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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, that were Concern'd in the First VOLUME.

From Friday April 28th. to Monday May 1ſt. 1710.

Q. GENTLEMEN, *An Acquaintance of mine has a Custom to lay the blame of his Vicious Actions on the Devil. Be pleas'd to Undeceive him, and Diſcuſs a little on the Subſequent Queries. Whether God gives the Devil a Power to Compel Men to Sin, or whether Sin do's no proceed from the Freedom of the Mind? Your Solution will be an Obligation on,*

Your Admirer, J°. Chap.

A. Every Man is Tempted, ſays St. *James, when he is drawn aſide of his own Luſt and Enticed.* In which it is Remarkable that he aſcribes the Efficacy of Temptation to the Corrupt and Vicious Inclinations of Men. It is not to be denied that the Devil has ſome ſhare in the Temptations of Men: For he is very Active in adminiſtring the Occaſions of Sin, and when he is permitted to make near Approaches, he excites them to comply with theſe Temptations, which is confirmed by the Inſtances of his entring into *Judas*, and filling the Heart of *Ananias*. For by Notorious Wickedneſs and Impiety Men give Admiſſion to him, and by the juſt Judgment of God he is then permitted to Exercite greater Dominion over them. But ſtill he has no Power to compel Men to Wickedneſs. His Temptations may ſometimes be ſo violent as to Extenuate the Crime, but never ſo forcible as wholly to Excuſe it. In effect it may ſafely be believed, that moſt of the Wickedneſs that is Committed in the World proceed from the Evil Motions of their own Minds. For as they are free Agents they have the Power of doing Good and Evil in a great Meaſure in themſelves; and therefore they have little Reaſon to think they can excuſe themſelves, by laying the Blame of their Sins upon the Temptations of the Devil, ſince the Succeſs of theſe is owing to their Voluntary Compliance with them.

Q. Apollo, *In the* 1ſt *of* Sam. *the* 17th Chap. Jeſſe *ſends* David *to his Brethren with a Preſent, and bids him ſee how they Fare and take their Pledge. Pray, let me know the meaning of taking their Pledge. And you will much Oblige, your Humble Servant and Admirer.* E. J

A. Commentators differ in their Senſe of this Phraſe. Some would have it to mean the taking of Money in order to Redeem what perhaps his Brethren had Pawn'd to ſupply their Neceſſities. Others, the bringing back of ſome Token from them, to *Jeſſe*, to ſatisfy him of their Welfare. Others, with more probability think, that they had ſent to their Father for Neceſſaries, and had given the Meſſenger a Token to aſſure him it was from them, which *Jeſſe* acknowledging, orders *David* to take back with him. It is not Material which of theſe three Senſes you prefer.

Q. Gentlemen, *Why are ſome People if ſpoke haſtily to, or Charged with any thing, though they are clear of it, have ſo ſudden a Bluſhing in the Face, with a ſort of Heat all over. This being a great Obſtruction both in Buſineſs and Company and very Unbecoming in a Man, and I believe proceeding rather from ſome Infirmity than any Natural Cauſe, I ſhall be Oblig'd to you if you can direct to any thing that will prevent it in your Admirer, and*

Humble Servant, J. M.

A. Such Diſorders as are cauſed by the Paſſions of the Mind are ſeldom Cured by Phyſick, nor can the Effect be removed till the Cauſe is taken away. Now the only Means to prevent the Diſorders of the Paſſions are Reaſon and Reſolution, by the ſtrength of which we doubt not but you may overcome this Infirmity whether owing to Cuſtom or Nature. Every Body is apt indeed to be moved a little at a falſe Accuſation, but ſome diſcover this concern in their Face ſooner than others becauſe of the Fineneſs of the Complection or the Tenderneſs and Looſeneſs of the Skin which has more of the Blood that the Animal Spirits being thus incited endeavor to throw out in the Superficies of the Body. And this is one Reaſon why Women are ſooner ſeen to bluſh than Men. And if your Caſe be of the like Nature, there is ſcarce any Remedy for it.

Q. Gentlemen, *Is there any ſuch Book as an* English Grammar, *Teaching whatſoever you know to be neceſſary for attaining, and right Underſtanding of the* Engliſh Tongue, *as alſo an* Engliſh Dictionary *telling the meaning of Words. I have by me Mr.* Cole's, *but that is in a great many things Deficient, viz. as want of Words, and then not Explaining the Words themſelves, as for inſtance, I want to know the meaning of the Word (Haberdaſher) he tells us a Haberdaſher of Hats is a Seller of them. I knew that long before. But I do not ſuppoſe that the Word (Haberdaſher) ſignifies properly a Seller. Pray, direct where the Books may be had, and what the Price of them, for* Gentlemen, *Your moſt*

Humble Servant, T. S.

A. D. *Wallis*'s Grammar for the *Engliſh* Tongue is a Book any where to be met with, and wou'd be of general Uſe to our Country-men, if it were not for the Benefit of Foreigners Writ in *Latin*. The beſt *Engliſh* Dictionary for the Purpoſe you mention of all that we have ſeen is *Minſhew's Guide to Tongues*, a Book in Folio, Publiſh'd in the time of King *James* the 1ſt. in which not only the proper Signification of all *Engliſh* Words, but alſo their Etymology and Affinity with thoſe of other Languages are ſhewn.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, from whence proceedeth Sneezing. But coteſly, how is this ſudden noiſe ſhaking, momentary (and why but momentary) motion effected.*

There was a time when Sneezing was a ſign of Death. Now 'tis a ſign of Recovery in a Sick Body. Pray, how ſo.

A. Any Acrimonious Matter touching the Fibres of the Olfactory Nerve will cauſe Sneezing; and ſo we ſee it often cauſed by a too great Light ſtriking the Eyes and ſo affecting the Lacrymal Glands which have a Communication with the inner Membranes of the Noſe; or by a ſharp Pungent Smell or Vapor; or by a thin Acid Humor flowing from the Head, or by any Irritation of the Ventricle or Inteſtines from which Malady Nature endeavors to diſcharge itſelf by way of Sneezing, which is a ſort of Convulſive Motion, cauſed by a ſudden Rarifaction and Expanſion of the Animal Spirits, and is not unlike the Exploſion of Gun-Powder when ſet on Fire. For as Dr. *Willis* in his *Pathologia cerebri* Ingeniouſly ſuppoſes the Spirituoſaline Particles of the Spirits that poſſeſs the Muſcular Fibres, may meet with Nitro-Sulphureous Particles of a different Kind proceeding from the Blood of the Arteries which flows among theſe Fibres. As often therefore as theſe Particles of both Kinds, being like Nitre and Sulphur combined together, are moved by any Inſtinct of Motion conveyed to them by the Nerves, which is like a Match to Gunpowder, they being as it were on a ſudden diſcharged, diſtend the Muſcles and cauſe a violent Concuſſion of the whole Body. But 'tis a miſtake to think that Sneezing is any more a ſign of Recovery now than formerly; for it is ſtill ſometimes a foreunner of dangerous Diſtempers as *Catarrhs* and *Epilepſies*, which have likewiſe been ſometimes Epidemical. And this is the Occaſion of the Cuſtom of Bleſſing People when they Sneeze.

Q. Ingenious Gentlemen, *Two Ladies of my Acquaintance, the Eldeſt* Celinda, *and the Youngeſt* Ethelia, *both Diſcreet and Pretty Ladies, Contracted in their Child-hood ſuch a Friendſhip, that till this time, they never had the leaſt Difference, but in pleaſing each other were entirely ſatisfied. It happened one Evening that* Celinda *raiſed a Diſcourſe about* Dr. Sacheverell, *wherein they were ſo hot, that* Ethelia *received a great many Affronts, and doubtleſs the other Lady thinks herſelf very much Affronted in being Contradicted by one Younger than herſelf. Now, moſt Worthy Sirs, I deſire to know which of theſe Ladies ought to Comply to ask the other's Pardon,* Celinda *being againſt, and* Ethelia *for the* Doctor; *or whether this Difference is ſufficient to break their long Contracted Friendſhip. Your ſpeedy Anſwer will much Oblige the Young Ladies, who will make it their Law and are reſolved not to Viſit, nor come together till then, and infinitely Oblige your Admirer and*

Subſcriber, PHYLLIS.

A. Madam, In Compliance to your Requeſt, we ſhall Poſt-pone the Solution of many Important Queries, for the ſake of doing ſo good an Office as Reconciling your two Pretty Ladies. We are far from thinking their Preſent Difference a ſufficient Ground for a continued Pique; but our Law is, that whoever offends againſt the Laws of Civil Converſation by ſtarting a Subject for an ungrateful Diſpute, ſhall be the firſt that ſhall endeavor to remove the ill Conſequences that attend it. And ſince *Celinda* was the Aggreſſor, it is her Part firſt to acknowledge the Offence. This the Lady perhaps will think a Severe Impoſition; neither is it agreeable to the Rules of ſtrict Friendſhip to inſiſt upon the Punctillio of Acknowledgments. We think therefore their Difference may be more agreably Compounded by a total Silence and Oblivion, and by meeting together again as if nothing had paſſed amiſs.

Q. Gentlemen, *It was my misfortune to fall in Love with a Woman, whom Addreſſing, I received a ſuitable Return from, &c.*

A. The Purport of your Queſtion being a Point in Law, we adviſe you to go to Council; having often declared, we would not intermeddle with Affairs of that Kind.

POEMS.

ALAS! your Sacred precepts all are vain;
Nor can the Pow'r of Æſculapian Art
Aſſwage, or Heal, the Gangrene of my Soul,
Infected with the moſt accurſed Crimes,
Of Murder, Rapine, Perjury and Luſt.
Dreadful Remembrance! O give way, my Brain,
To wild Diſtraction, ſenſeleſs Cure of woe!
And Conſcientious Guilt, which like a Dart,
With bearded ſhafts incloſ'd within the Wound
At every probe, gives moſt Corroding Pain.
On Earth, I am ſcorn'd by all the Good and Brave,
And juſtly Branded with the Odious Names
Of Atheiſt, Villain, Sodomite and Theif;
Shun'd and avoided as a baleful peſt,
And in Deriſion pointed at by all.
And ſhall I? can I hope? that Beauteous Heav'n,
Will e'er be fit for ſo Deform'd a Wretch,
To be a Glorious Habitant therein,
No! no! it is impoſſible, for none,
But thoſe who are unſullied, pure and white,
Shall gain Admittance to it's dazling bliſs,
For ſuch as me, a fitter State's aſſign'd,
Suiting my paſt Delights, where Grief and Pain,

With

With Complicated pangs, shall force my Tongue,
To Curse my self with Imprecations dire:
Whilst Soul and Body bear alternate Pains
Of Fire and Frost, in Everlasting Chains.
What shall I do? ———

A. Revenge your self upon the *Man of Sin*,
Nature Corrupt, which brought this dire Despair.
Wipe off the Stains from your Sullied Soul,
B' unfeign'd Contrition, and Repentance true:
This may allay the Infection of your Crimes,
Tho' not restore Primævous Innocence,
For He *almost is Innocent that Repents*,
And with just Indignation Sins detests,
Which were before His *Darlings* and Delight.
Nought but the Abhorrence of those Impious Facts,
Can e'er restore you to your self again,
And make you capable of Solid Bliss
In Heav'n above for Penitents ordained.
Your *Lust* will *then* b' absorpt in *Heavenly Love*,
As Fire extinguish'd by th' Irradiant Sun.
Your *Rapine then*, will Heav'n it self assault,
Heav'n glad such pleasing *Violence* t' Embrace.
Your *MURDERS then*, when Blood, like *Abels*, (Cries;
That of the *Lamb of God*, Our Sacrifice,
Will wash you Clean, and for those Sins attone,
So you but them with *Detestation* own.
In short, two Contraries your Bliss must prove,
Hate of your self; and *Christ's* Eternal *Love*.

Q. *Speak*, Mighty Bards, *for you or none can tell*,
Or Chant, great Nature's wonders half so well,
Whence springs the Cause when needful Sleep do's (bind
Our weary'd Faculties, in Slumbers kind,
And Nature is supinely laid to rest,
That Sneezing never do's attack our Breast,
But Waking like quick Peal's of Thunder Storm,
Through our arch't Roof, and do's our Sense Alarm.
And why, our Yawning so Infectious is,
Since Friend or Foe, alike it doth not miss,
It's powerful, and it's all commanding Force,
For sight or hearing gives it speedy Course,
Which in Convulsive manner strains our Jaws,
And Tyrant like Conforms us to it's Laws.

Learned Gentlemen, *Your Answer will Infinitely Oblige, Your Servant*, H——r B——r.

A. All *Sneezing* from an Irritation grows,
Of the Tenxious Membranes of the Nose,
Struck with an Impulse of Intruding Air,
Whose Poynant Particles with violence bear,
On the small Nervous Filements and Cause
A *Motion*, opposite to Nature's Laws,
Or other Particles which may in spite
Of Her, th' Involuntary Springs excite;
Which sudden Motion we *Convulsive* call,
An *Harmless Malady* in General;
Sleeping, or not, affecting all Mankind,
As th' open Pores let in the *pungent* Wind.
Hence some by *Sneezing from* deep *Slumbers* rise,
As if struck unexpected with Surprize.
But *Waking Animals* it *most* attacks,
And *more frequent Succussation* shakes,
Because the *Soul's out-guards*, the *Spirits* then
More vigilant against th' Invasion unforeseen,
Rise at the *first Assault* t' acquaint the Soul,
What Force wou'd *from abroad* Her Power (Controul;
So with joynt-strength th' *Invading* Foe receive
Warmly, and from th' endanger'd Confines drive.

As to the Question about *Gaping being Infectious*, be pleas'd, *Madam*, to Consult our First Volume.

Ad OXONIENSES.

Q. *I sent to you, you* Oxford *Ass*,
To know why Water would not pass
Out of full Bottle, made of Glass.
Your Answer plainly this declares,
That you deserve to lose your Ears.
You say, that Nature wont admit,
A Vacuum, *a Space in it*:
Therefore when Water fills a Bottle,
(More than Brains your empty Noddle)
There is no room for it to pass,
And so it stays bound up i'th' Glass:
By the same reason you might prove,
That nothing in this World can move.
Supposing then this World is fill'd,
And Vacuum *no place twill yeild*;
Then I suppose that I may say,
More rare to Solids do give way.
So Water being more gross than Air,
It might run out 'fore you're aware,
Its place being fill'd with yeilding Air:
But to speak truth, your empty Scull
Shows that all things are not so full;
Hence it is, your want of Brains,
Gives rise unto your foolish Strains,
For such we find 'em without much pains.
Do ye think that you with dull similes,
(Now since Apollo's *writ) can please.*
I'd have you then return to Oxford,
Your Tutor he deserves a Box for't,
To send you here wise as an Ox *forth.*

A. Your Philosophic Notion shines,
With equal Luster, with your Lines;
So void of *Sense*, as if 'twere Treason,
To offer at substantial Reason;
Joyn'd with such wretched, hobbling Meeter,
A Grain Cart on the Stones, sounds sweeter.

You

You own our Argūment, altho'
You don't, wherein you yield it, know.
You ſay the Water out may come,
And yielding Air ſupply's its room;
Don't this imply a *Vacuum*'s there,
If void of Water and of Air;
Which ſince impoſſible, then how,
'Till Air gets in can th' Water flow;
But when the Glaſs inverted ſtands,
The Water all the Vent commands,
How can the Air then (ſenſeleſs Elf)
Paſs cloſer Bodies than it ſelf;
And what to thee, wou'd make it plain,
(If thou one Atome hadſt of Brain)
Altho' with ſmalleſt Point you make
A Vent, by which it Air may take,
You'll find the Water ſoon deſcended,
Be'ng 'gainſt a *Vacuum* defended.
Ceaſe then, thou *Philoſophick Fool*,
Theſe Whims, and go again to School.

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SIR,

THE Advices from Cambray May the 2d are, that the Mareſchal de Villars was arrived there that Evening; that the Troops of the French King's Houſhold were arrived in the Camp in a worſe Condition than laſt Year, and others arrive daily. The Letters from Tournay dated May 3d, ſay, that they expected the Trenches would be opened every day; that ſome think the Batteries for Eighty-ſix heavy Cannon, and Thirty-three Mortars, cou'd not be finiſhed till the 12th, that 'tis the Opinion of the Engineers that the Garriſon will be obliged to ſurrender in eight or ten Days after they begin to Fire, that the Mareſchal de Artagnan has extended his Camp from Thune St. Martin to Norgny and has taken up his Head Quarters at the Caſtle of Eſſars over againſt the Scheld, and that he has guarded all the Paſſes over the River with Dragoons to prevent the Deſertion of the Soldeirs: Tis adviſed from Ghent, that the Confederates are far advanced in Draining the Water from about Doway; that on the 5th in the Evening the Trenches were opened, at two Attacks with 3000 Men ſupported by 4 Batalians at each attack; that notwithſtanding the prodigious fire the Enemy made, they had but three Men killed; that the Enemy have raiſed five Batteries of 3 Cannon each without the Gate of Notre Dame to hinder the approach of our Men; that the Siege is to be carried on by twelve thouſand Britains, as many Dutch and ten thouſand Germans, under General Fagel; that the Allies have taken the Caſtle of Doignonville near Doway and made 120 Men in it Priſoners of War. Which is all from Yours, &c.

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